Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Further, when light from the subject is dim, it is difficult for an observer to recognize the target pattern 9. Therefore, a light source part (side light) 27 composed of a light emitting diode (LED) device for emitting red light is provided outside the periphery of the liquid crystal display panel 6 (at the right-hand side in this embodiment).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1-2 and 7-8 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising a liquid crystal display panel in which a first substrate formed with a signal electrode and a second substrate formed with a counter electrode on one surface, respectively, are coupled together, with said signal electrode and said counter electrode opposed to each other, with a fixed gap provided therebetween by interposing a sealing part at an outer peripheral part of a display area, and a liquid crystal layer is provided in the gap, wherein

said signal electrode is composed of a surrounding electrode formed as a single body over almost the entire area of said display area, a pattern electrode isolatedly formed within said surrounding electrode, and a wiring electrode formed across said surrounding electrode with a gap provided between said wiring electrode and said surrounding electrode in order to selectively apply voltage to said pattern electrode,

said counter electrode is provided over the entire area of said display area to face said signal

electrode,

said first substrate, said second substrate, said signal electrode and said counter electrode are all transparent,

said liquid crystal layer is a scattering type liquid crystal layer which changes in transmittance and scattering rate depending on existence or absence of application of voltage by means of said signal electrode and said counter electrode, in which transparency increases in a part to which voltage is applied, and

a light source means which emits linearly polarized light is disposed outside a peripheral part of said liquid crystal display panel, and at least a part of said sealing part facing the light source means has a light transmitting property to allow linearly polarized light emitted from said light source means to pass through said sealing part and enter said liquid crystal layer.

2. (Twice Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising a liquid crystal display panel in which a first substrate formed with a signal electrode and a second substrate formed with a counter electrode on one surface, respectively, are coupled together, with said signal electrode and said counter electrode opposed to each other with a fixed gap provided therebetween by interposing a sealing part at an outer peripheral part of a display area, and a liquid crystal layer is provided in the gap, wherein

said signal electrode is composed of a pattern electrode isolatedly formed within said display area, and a wiring electrode formed across said display area in order to selectively apply voltage to said pattern electrode,

said counter electrode is provided in an area to face said pattern electrode, said first substrate, said second substrate, said signal electrode and said counter electrode are all transparent,

said liquid crystal layer is a scattering type liquid crystal layer which changes in transmittance and scattering rate depending on existence or absence of application of voltage by means of said signal electrode and said counter electrode, in which a scattering degree increases in a part to which voltage is applied, and

a light source means which emits linearly polarized light is disposed outside a peripheral part of said liquid crystal display panel, and at least a part of said sealing part facing the light source means has a light transmitting property to allow linearly polarized light emitted from said light source means to pass through said sealing part and enter said liquid crystal layer.

7. (Twice Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 5, wherein

an optical means composed of a convex lens is provided between said light source part of said light source means and said polarization separating device.

8. (Twice Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 6, wherein

an optical means composed of a convex lens is provided between said light source part of said light source means and said polarization separating device.

Add the following new claims 35-36:

35. (New) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1,

wherein said liquid crystal display device is a module comprising a panel holding frame and a panel fixing frame, installed in a finder optical system of a camera, and a gap between said panel holding frame, said panel fixing frame, and said liquid crystal display panel installed in said frames is filled with a heat insulating seal.

36. (New) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 2,

wherein said liquid crystal display device is a module comprising a panel holding frame and a panel fixing frame, installed in a finder optical system of a camera, and a gap between said panel holding frame, said panel fixing frame, and said liquid crystal display panel installed in said frames is filled with a heat insulating seal.